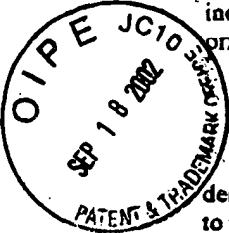


DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

Being duly sworn, we, the below-named inventors, depose and say that: (1) my residence, citizenship, and mailing address are indicated below; (2) we have reviewed and understand the contents of attached specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein, (3) we believe that we are the original, first, and sole joint inventors or discoverers of the invention or discovery in



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described and claimed therein and for which a patent is sought; and (4) we hereby acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.*

We hereby appoint John M. Vasuta (Reg. No. 38,353) as our attorney with full powers (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence in this case to:

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The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

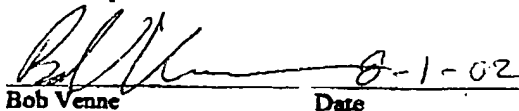
Wherefore, we pray for grant of Letters Patent for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, oath, power of attorney, and this petition, on the day set forth below.


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